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# IS BALKING GERMANS

From Launching Offensives at Various Points in the Woevre Region, East of Verdun

USE OF BIG GUNS BY FRENCH IS EFFECTIVE

Germans Have Captured Towns of Manhulles and Champlon, Thirteen Miles Southeast of Verdun-In the Champagne German Fortified Works in the Region of Hill 193 Have Been Battered by French Guns-Berlin Reports Capture of 228 Officers and 16,575 Men-Russians in the Dvinsk Region Have Driven the Teutons Back-Details Lacking Concerning Sinking of French Auxiliary Cruiser Provence in the Mediterranean.

Berlin reports that thus far they

tussians can be estimated by the fact hat some of the Turkish army corps

f three divisions each now number

only a few thousand men, all the re-mainder having either perished or

MAYOR THOMPSON WORSTED

son, republican, nominated Thompson aldermanic candida

the primaries today.

volted Against Him.

Chicago Feb 29-Six of the nine

andidates were returned in the third, hirteenth and thirty-third wards

all the nincteen wards of the city's thirty-five put up anti-Thompson tickets, but the fight centered in nine

To Prevent Ratification of Treaty With

the United States.

Washington, Feb. 29 .- Reports that

Nicaraguan congress of the new treaty

with the United States were called to the attention of the state department by General Chamorro, the Nicaraguan minister. The minister had taken no action regarding the report which first

reached the legation several days ago until he received additional advices from New Orleans linking the name

of Rodolfo Espinoza, liberal candidate for the Nicaraguan presidency, with

the revolutionary plan.

A guard of United States marines, sent into the little country at the last

American lives and property, still is

Rev. Charles N. Dinsmore of Water-

bury Elected.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 29 .- At the

annual meeting of the alumni, in con-tection with the seventh annual con-contion of the Yale Law School of

PHYSICIAN TELLS OF TRAVELS

OF GENERAL FELIX DIAZ.

revolutionary outbreak to

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF

logical seminary.

Women as well as men voted.

IN CHICAGO PRIMARIES.

ounter-attack.

aken prisoners.

made of the casualties

With the lessening of the activity of the contending armies to the north of Verdun, the French in the Woevro region, east of Verdun, are using their artillery to break up German prepar ation for further advances toward the fortress. At various points the force fortress. At various points the force of the French guns has prevented the Germans from launching offensives.

In the Vosges Mountains there has also been great artillery activity by the French near Senones and Ban de Sapt, while near Seppois the Germans there has divers out of trenches they

have been driven out of trenches they had previously taken. In the Cham-pagne German fortified works in the region of Hill 193 have been battered by the French guns and the crator of a mine exploded by the Germans was pied by the French.

The Germans have added several ad-ditional points to their terrain in the fighting about Verdun, having been enabled to construct trenches on the slopes north of the Cote du Polyre and to capture an armored work northwest of Douaumont and have taken the towns of Manhulles and Champlon, thirteen miles southeast of Verdun. In this drive east of Verdun the advance of the Germans has extended ministry of marine estimates the num-over a front of virtually twelve miles ber of survivors at 870, no estimate is

AWAITING RESULTS OF NEW SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN. Grave Concern Shown By Officials in | In Six of the Nine Wards Which Re Washington.

-from Dippe to Champion

Washington, Feb. 29 .- Results of the new Austro-German submarine cam-paign against armed merchant ships of against Mayor William Hale Thompthe entente allies beginning at mid-night are salted by the United States

ith grave concern. Although under their new instruc-tions Teutonic naval commanders are authorized to sink without warning all armed enemy merchantmen, they en-counter it is understood they have been told to make sure, if possible, that no American citizens are aboard any ship attacked. Furthermore in the latest communication regarding submarine warfare, Germany has assured the United States that the new orders are so formulated as to prevent the destruction of enemy liners "on ac-count of their armament unless such armament is proved."

The attitude of the United States government toward the new policy of Germany and Austria has not been definitely determined.

President Wilson discussed the sub-

ject in conference with Secretary Lansing and then laid the German communication before his cabinet. Later it was said that because the allimportant appendices to the German memorandum had been delayed in transit the state department thus far was unable to determine whether claims set forward by Germany and Austria in justification of their cause REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT

PRESIDENTNAL PRIMARY BALLOT IN MICHIGAN Woodrow Wilson the Only Name Of-

fered by the Democrats.

Lansing, Michy, Feb. 29.—William G. Simpson of Detroit, an automobile designer, today filed with Secretary of State Vaughn a petition to place his name on the republican presidential primary ballot. The petition contained the required number of signatures and Secretary Vaughn said Simpson's name would be on the ticket with those of United States Senator William Alden Smith, of Grand Rapids and Harry Ford of Detroit Rapids, and Henry Ford, of Detroit. The time limit for filing such petitions was four o'clock this after-

Woodrow Wilson is the only name offered by Michigan democrats as a andidate for president.

VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY

FOR COLORADO MINERS. Charged With Killing Major P. P. Les ter During Strike.

Castle Rock, Colo., Feb. 29 .- A verlict of not guilty was returned by a ury tonight in the case of four former triking coal miners charged nurder in connection with the killing ipril 29, 1914, of Major P. P. Lester, f the Colorado National Guard, durng the coal strike discretize near Valueenbarg, Colo. The jury deliber-ted two and one half hours.

LCTIVITY OF SUBMAININES IN MEDITERRANEAN SEA

arese Naval Officials Receiv News of Sinking of Five Ships.

Tokio, Feb. 29.—The Japanese na al authorities have received official dvices that three British steamers, ne French and one Swedish steamer, ere sunk by Germarines in the Med-erranean on Feb. 22 and Feb. 24. The Melais think that this indicates an ed number of submarines opJabled Paragraphs

Dutch Government to Tax War Profits.

London, Feb. 29, 5.35 p. m.-According to a Reuter despatch from The Hague it is said there that the Dutch government will shortly introduce a bill proposing a 25 per cent, tax on

MILITARY PENSIONS PAID BY BRITISH GOVERNMENT

Now Amount to £1,500,000 Annually-One-third of Discharged Men Not

London, Feb. 29, 7.36 p. m. - The military pensions the government is now paying amount to £1,500,000 an-This announcement was made in the house of lords today by Baron Newton, who said it was calculated that the amount could easily rise to £7.500,000 if the war lasted until the end of March, 1917. About one-third of the men dis-charged were not pensioned, Baron Newton continued, but if all of them were pensioned the annual charge would now be £2,500,000, and probably

would rise to over £11,000,000 by the FRESH ENTENTE TROOPS

MASSED AT BORDEAUX. 500,000 to 1,000,000 to Be Ready for Emergencies.

New York, Feb. 29.—The entente llies have massed from 500,000 to .000,000 fresh troops at Bordeaux to e ready for emergencies, according to passengers who arrived here today rom France aboard the steamship Rochambeau. None of these soldiers, it was asserted, have been near the battle lines in any of the arenas of the war. They are said to comprise ave taken prisoners 228 officers, 16,-75 men and a large number of guns. a part of Lord Kitchener's new army and drafts from the French colonies. Captain Raffaelo Perfetti, an Italian nachine guns and much war materials.

There has been considerable artillery activity and fights in the air between satialions of German and British aviaviator, who said he flew over the Austrian troops in the Balkans, Lieu-tenant Albert Cantoni of the Italian aviation corps and Captain Jules Bois of the French Aviation corps were among the Dvinsk region of Russia the In the Dvinsk region of Russia the Russians have driven the Germans mack and advanced their line and down ernment to study American agricul-tural methods with a view of adopting nder heavy fire an attempt at a them in his country at the end of the war. Captain Bols added the French war. Captain Bois added the French government plans to send a large body of young men here to study our agricultural system.

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THREE ARRESTS IN NEW YORK

BY POST OFFICE INSPECTORS Letter Carrier Attached

Pennsylvania Station. Details are lacking concerning.

Details are lacking concerning leaster to the French auxiliary cruisisaster to the French auxiliary cruisisaster to the French while the French at the number of the letter carrier and the other two escribed as salesmen, were arrested oday by post office inspectors and will e arraigned tomorrow before United States commissioners. The inspectors refused to discuss the arrests but it was learned late tonight the charg against the men is using the mails

> The letter carrier was attached to The letter carrier was attached to the Pennsylvania Railroad terminal post office. The only information sup-nlied regarding him was that "mail was found on his person." The sales-men taken into custody gave their names as Richard Von Arend and Ru-dolph Van Knacht. Each said he was horn in Germany. born in Germany.

ST. LOUIS VOTES FOR SEGREGATION OF NEGROES.

Also Forbid Whites to Reside on Street PEARLS VALUED AT \$1,500 on Which 75 Per Cent, of Residents Are Negroes,

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 29.-Unofficial returns from today's election show to-night that both of two ordinances pro-posing segregation of negroes have ancil as a been carried by a majority of 34,344, the vote being 52,220 for segregation assault and 17,876 against.

of these and mose severe in the seventh, in which is situated the University of Chicago. Years ago Charles E. Merriman of the faculty of that school came into the city council as a leader of the so-called reform element. Merriam candidate, but he was nominated 5,472 against 5,314 for Frederick W. Krengel, the Thompson man.

In the first ward which includes the downtown district, the republican contest produced a way. writer, was killed in the wreck here white may not become a resident in a block occupied entirely by those of the opposite color. The other imposes the opposite color. The other imposes the composite color.

inated John Coughlin, known in form-er years as B"ath House John." In the seventh Merriam's victory was TO STOP BOOKINGS

anti-

The mayor'

Asks Agents to Influence Voyagers to due to the women. Take Passage on American Liners AGAINST NICARAGUA

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 29 .- Instruc Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 29.—Instruc-tions have been received by the Pitts-burgh agents of the White Star Steamship line not to book any pas-sengers for the White Star liners Lapland, Baltic and Adriatic which sail from New York between March 8 and 28. The notice advises agents to endeavor to influence persons revolutionary movement against the Nicaragua government had been formto endeavor to influence persons con-templating voyages to Europe to take passage on American line boats. No reason for the action is known here. ented at New Orleans and would be aunched soon with the particular de-len of preventing ratification by the

"POLITICAL REASONS" IN RIVERS AND HARBORS REPORT.

Republican Members of Committee so Declare About New York Harbor Improvements.

Washington, Feb. 29.—Republicans washington, Feb. 29.—Republicans of the house rivers and harbors committee today filed a report declaring the \$700,000 item for the improvement of the East river, New York, recommended by President Wilson, was inserted in the bill solely for "political reasons."

It was the only appropriation for new work approved and would be utilized for establishing a 35-foot YALE SCHOOL OF RELIGION, channel to the navy yard.

> VOLUNTARY WAGE INCREASE FOR DYESTUFF WORKERS In Dyeing Establishments of Pater

son, N. J., and Vicinity. Paterson, N. J., Feb. 29.—Voluntary wage increases of approximately 10 Religion today, Rev. Charles N. Dinsmore of Waterbury was elected president and Frofessor T. W. Bacon of this city secretary. The convocation sermon was delivered by President Albert Parker Fitch of Andover Theological services. per cent, have been made in the dye-ing establishments of Paterson and vicinity to take effect tomorrow. A conservative estimate places the total increase for Paterson at \$250,000 a

MAJOR GENERAL SCOTT ATTENDS CABINET MEETING. Went to Thousand Islands to Board First Time Army Officer Sat at Table

Since Civil War. Tampa Fla. Feb. 28.— A Mexican physician here said today that General Felix Diaz had been in Plorida about February 18 and left Key West soon afterards in a small boat for the Thousand Islands, where he was to board a yacht bound for Mexico.

Washington, Feb. 29.—Major General Hugh L. Scott, secretary of war ad interim attended today's cabinet meeting, and the White House historians said it was the first time since the Civil war that an army officer had beard a yacht bound for Mexico. Civil war that an army officer had

### 15 Men Killed in Details of Sinking Mine Explosion

FIVE SERIOUSLY INJURED IN TOLD BY RALPH FOSTER OF COAL MINE AT KEMPTON W. VA.

Explosion Occurred About 2,000 Feet Than a Score of Men Were at Work -Victims Crushed Under a Fall of

Kempton, W. Va., Feb. 29.—Fifteen men were killed and five seriously in-jured by an explosion of dust in mine No. 42 of the Davis Coal and Coke company here today. All the victims were foreigners. Pifty-one miners were rescued. The exploration of the workings was completed late today and all the bodies recovered. Did Not Interfere With Working of

Cage. The explosion occurred shortly after to men had entered the mine. The the men had entered the mine. The the working of the cages in the main shaft and the men not within range of the explosion hurried to the foot of the shaft and were at once brought to the surface. Rescue parties com-posed of miners from neighboring mines were hastily organized and low-ered into the mine. Among the first to reach the shaft was R. P. Maloney, general superintendent of the Davis Coal and Coke company, who took acive charge of the rescue work. nine was not badly damaged, according to rescuers.

Crushed Under Fall of Slate. The explosion occurred about 2,000 feet from the bottom of the shaft, where more than a score of miners were working. According to Maloney, all the victims were crushed under a

THIRTY-NINE BRITISH SHIPS SUNK WITHOUT WARNING Admiralty Has Made Public List Up to the End of 1915.

London, Feb. 29, 11.30 p. m .- The admiralty tonight made public a list of unarmed British vessels torpedoed and sunk by enemy submarines without warning up to the end of 1915. It omprises 39 steamers and one trawl-

A list also was given of neutral vessels said to have been torpedoed in the same period without warning, consisting of 12 steamers and one sailing vessel, of which two, the Gulflight and Nebraskan, were Ameri-can, four Norwegian, four Swedish, one Dutch one Danick one Casely. ne Dutch, one Danish, one Greek and

"In addition to the above," says the admiralty statement, "there are several cases in which there is no reasonable doubt that the vessel was sunk by a torpedo fired without warning from a submarine, but in the ab-sence of actual proof, due to a lack of survivors or from other these cases are omitted from lists."

FOUND ON BODY

Of Man Killed in Milford Wreck-Treasury Agents Investigating.

Milford, Conn., Feb. 29,-George S. nedden, a special agent for the United States treasury department, came to Milford today to investigate came to Milford today to investigate papers found on the body of Vagharsh A. Keoleian, referring to a shipment of pearls. Keoleian, a noted Armenian writer, was killed in the wreck here

fowntown district, the republican con-test produced a woman candidate, Hil-da Johnson Haskins. Of the female vote she received 36 against 107 for William H. Shrader. The democrtc following immemorial custom renomsignment of pearls to Albert Armen of Baltimore, Md. Publication of this fact led to the inquiry by agents of the treasury department, it was stated, which is usually made in such cases. The shipment was said to show a value of \$15,000, and the department looking into the matter of the duty.

> MUTINY OF BRITISH SOLDIERS IN AUSTRALIA

> Dissatisfied Because Drills Were Increased from 36 to 41 1-2 Hours a

> Honolulu, T. H., Feb. 29,-Fifteen thousand British soldiers in a train-ing camp in Sydney, Australia, mutined Feb. 15, according to reports brought here today by the liner So-noma and before order was restored one soldier was killed and six injured. Incidental to the riot an attack with stones was made on 15 Greek and

erman stores. The soldiers became dissatisfied, acfording to the report, because their dren who had nours of drill were increased from 36 their mothers. to 40 1-2 hours a week. They seized Liverpool Station after driving away the guards with hose and it was not until the next day that the authori-ties gained control of the situation.

DEMONSTRATION AGAINST ALLEGED STRIKEBREAKERS

Made at the Gates of the Gosnold Mills in New Bedford.

New Bedford, Mass., Feb. 29,-A mob of 2,000 persons took part to-night in a demonstration against al-leged strikebreakers at the gates of the Gosnold Mills, where a strike for higher wages has been in effect for two weeks. A strong force of police finally got the crowd away from the crowds and displersed a group whose actions toward operatives who had come out of the mill appeared threatening.

Movements of Steamships. Kirkwall, Feb. 27.—Arrived: Steam-er Oscar II, New York for Copenha-

gen.
Genoa, Feb. 27.—Arrived: Steamer Stampalla, New York.
Naples, Feb. 27.—Arrived, previously, steamer Caserta, New York.
New York, Feb. 29.—Sailed: steamer San Giovanni, Naples.
New York, Feb. 29.— Arrived: Steamer California, Glaskow.
New York, Feb. 29.—Sailed: Steamer New York, Feb. 29.—Sai er Nieuw Amsterdam, Rotterd

# of Steamer Maloja

KANSAS, A SURVIVOR

ALL BODIES RECOVERED AFLOAT IN ICY WATER

Ship Sank so Quickly That Little be Acommplished to Save Aboard-Impressed by Bravery of Women and White Members of

London, Feb. 29, 5.50 p. m.—That German submarines have been sowing mines off Dover was the pelief expressed today by Raiph Foster Kansas and other survivors of Maloja disaster, including some of the officers of the ship. The fact that a number of disasters have occurred in the neighborhood of Dover during the past two Sundays is considered in some quarters in London as possible evidence that German submarines knowing that a number of boats clea för foreign ports Saturdays, taken advantage of that fact to in as near the coast as possible in the night time and discharge cargoes of explosives.

Lifeboats Very Useless

In the opinion of Mr. Foster life-oats are very useless where vessels strike mines, as the ships almost in-variably sink quickly and because the crews are insufficiently drilled for quick action and the boats cannot be lowered when a ship heels over or her side as the Maloja did. Mr. Fos-ter had a thrilling experience. He was affoat in the icy water and on upturned boats an hour before he was rescued by a trawler,

Concussion Was Slight. "I was promenading the deck well forward about 10.20 o'clock Sunday norning," said Mr. Foster today t the Associated Fress, "when I heard a slight report. I thought it was a gun firing a blank shot until I saw debris falling. Even then the concus-sion had been so slight that I con-cluded an accident must have hap-

pened to some other ship nearby. Ship Began to List Immediately. "I rushed back immediately towar the stern of the Maloja, but before had taken a dozen steps the ship be gan to list and I started toward the fe boat that had been allotted to m cabin. It was so full of people, mos of them Lascars, that I saw it wa-likely to be swamped, so I went below for a life belt. I put on my overcoa and the lifebelt and also took my

passport. Could Not Get Boat Clear. "By this time-hardly three min ites after the explosion—the passage ways below were awash. I returns o the life boat and tried to hel hove it clear. Two of the white creof the steamer were standing by ower the boat, but only a steward and myself were making any efforts to push it off from the ship's side. We

uld not get the boat clear of the of the Maloja.

Many Slid Into Water. "Everybody then piled out of the lifeboat. Most of them slid across the eck and into the water on the other ide. The deck was inclined to such a degree that we could not stand. I grabbed at an oar and slid down the deck into the water. The waves were so strong that I found I could not swim in them and was washed back against the side of the ship.

Crawled on to Capsized Boat. 'Finally I managed to reach a cap rinary I managed to reach a cap-sized boat a few feet away and crawled onto it. From there I could see in the water near me several bod-ies of people who were bleeding about the head. One Lascar was being ground between a lifeboat and the ship's side. A big swell washed me off my insecure perch. I knew what would happen to me if I stayed on the side of the ship I was on, so I man-aged to get to the other side and lung to the railing until only

davits were projecting out of the wa-Taken Off by Boat from Destroyer. "I then pushed away from the steamer and swam a few feet to t. When I looked around the last of the davits of the Maloja had disap-peared. We had no oars and the peared. We had no oars and the waves kept breaking over the boat. When it began to sink we swam to another capsized boat and clung there until a boat from a destroyer took us

"When we came alongside the do-stroyer I noticed that the swells seemed to boost up and down ten or 12 feet. I looked at the clock on board the destroyer and saw it was 11.33 o'clock.

Little Terror Shown "The only terror or excitement shown aboard the Maloja while they were trying to lower the boats was on the part of Lascars and some chil-dren who had become separated from

"One child who was on deck near the point of the explosion was blown to pieces, an officer told me, "One thing which made an impres-sion on my mind while I was clinging to a capsized boat was a "Teddy bear" which was floating about. The cox-swain of the boat which picked us up rescued the toy, saying 'I must have that for my kid.'" Deeply Impressed by Bravery of

Women. Mr. Foster said he also was deeply impressed by the bravery of the women and the white crew of the Maloja but not by her Lascar crew.

300 GUESTS MADE ILL BY EATING ICE CREAM At a Methodist Banquet Held in San Francisco Feb. 22.

San Francisco, Feb. 29 .- Three hundred or more guests were made ill probably by cating foe cream at a Methodist ... Feb. 22, it became known tode wing an official re-port of the to the Mandist Ministers assembled. All of those Ministers Assemble. All of the made ill recovered within two days. No chemical analysis was made the food, but there was no thought among those in charge that there was any deliberate attempt to poison the food. It was agreed that some unwholesome insteadent had been used unwittingly in the fee cream.

#### Condensed Telegrams

Illinois is suffering from a shortage

The progressives of Maine will hold

A temperature of 42 degrees below zero was reported from White River,

Sugar was advanced two shillings per 100 pounds by the Britsh royal There will be no session of the New

Orleans Cotton Exchange on March 7 Mardi Gras. The steamship Horatio of New Bedford, Mass. went ashore on the Dia-mond Shoals, N. C.

The finance committee of the Russian Duma has approved the new war loan of 2,000,000,000 rubles.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the plant of the Hubbard Shovel Co., at Pittsburgh at a loss of \$150,000. Five German generals who held the

killed in the battle about Verdun. Former Representative R. P. Hobson ill be a candidate for Congress from he new 10th district in Alabama

Count Kanitz, German commander Kermanshah, committed suicide when the Russians captured the city.

Four lives were lost when the Norwegian steamship Ander, laden with coal pits, went ashore off Ehield, Eng. An order for 50 Pacific type loconotives was placed with the American occumotive Co., by the New Haven

Today will be the last day for the ceipt of income and corporation tax st return at the internal office in Albery Colyk injured in a fight at a

christening Sunday night, died in the Hartford hospital. His skull was Carranzista troops defeated Oaxaca ndians attempting to enter Vera Cruz tate, in a sharp engagement near San

Andres, Tuxtla The British schooner Cora May, which grounded yesterday on one of the ledges in the Boston outer haror was floated.

Canadian railways are planning to get 1,000,000 from the United States for spring and summer work in the Caadian northwest Count von Bornstorff notified the tate Department that foodstuffs sent

rossing Germany The price paid to farmers for milk and cream has increased 35 per cent, and the cost to the consumer 20 per

ent. in the last ten years. Announcement was made at Lloyd's ondon, that all the crew of the critish steamer Denaby, recently submarined, have been saved.

Shipment of fresh and cured meats with 57,842,-000 pounds the pevious week. A report from Manchester

that Great Elitain is planning to com-mandeer an increased production of the country's vitriol production. Following England's refusal to sup

ply Greece wath sulphate of copper. the latter country has asked the Unit-ed States for the needed supplies. The car barn of the Massachusetts fortheastern Street Railway com-

pany at Merrimac was destroyed ire at a loss estimated at \$50,000. The Downing block on Essex street, Salem, Mass., was damaged by fire, the loss on the building and to the

well as its state lodges. tenants being estimated at \$8,000. Seventeen patients In the Emily Baloh hospital at Plymouth, N. H., were removed without injury during a

the

fire which destroyed the institution. Damage estimated at \$1,000 was done to the cargo of the British stemship Eurymachos, loading munitions of war for Russia at a Brooklyn

According to the state board of prison directors, only 3 1-2 per cent. paroled from California's penitencrime.

Ralph Foster, son of the Rev. Festus
Foster of Topeka, Kas., a passenger
on the steamship Maloja when she
sunk off Dover, cabled his prents that

WITNESSES AT FATHER'S TRIAL

turned in New charging him with us-ing the mails to defraud. George Groutcher, aged 35, of Bayonne, N. J., who would have com-pleted a fail sentence of three months in the Fairfield county jail yesterday, committed suicide in his cell.

President Wilson is expected to nom inate Judge Joseph H Shea of the In-diana Supreme Court as Ambassador to Chile, to suceed Henry P. Fletcher

A train made up of 50 freight cars carrying 2,400,000 cans of salmon, most of which is destined for Europe, is on the way from Seattle to New York over the Union Pacific system.

The Garman-American Sugar Co., declared an 8 per cent, annual divi-dend to be paid in quarterly instal-ments of 2 per cent, and an extra 10 per cent, cash dividend, payable March

Bringing Capt. A. M. Carter and 17 members of the crew of the steamer Crescent, which foundered off Cape. Hatteras during a gale, the Ward liner Mexico arrived at New York from Ha-

ed much improved.

## President Warns Congress to Halt

IN TALK OF WARNING AMERI-CANS OFF ARMED SHIPS.

ASKS IMMEDIATE ACTION

In Letter to Representative Pou, He Makes It Clear That He Considers the President, and Not Congress, Conduct Foreign Rela-

Washington, Feb. 29.—President Wilceed with the German submarine negotiations while discussion in con-gress weakens his position before the world, so called for a show-down on the pending proposal to warn Americans off merchant ships European belligerents armed for de

Asks For Immediate Vote. Making clear that he considers the president and not congress charged with the conduct of foreign relations of the United States, he wrote a letter to Representative Pou, acting chairman of the house rules commit-tee, asking him to provide parliamentary means for bringing the agitation out into the open on the floor of the ouse for full discussion and a vote ater he summoned Senator Stone and tepresentative Flood, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, and Sena-tor Kern, majority leader in the sente, for a conference at the House tomorrow morning at which he will request that one of the various sending resolutions be acted on in

ooth houses. Administration Leaders Confident. Administration leaders, working steadily for the last week strengthening their lines and counting on the support of the republicans, now are so sure of their position that they plan to end all agitation with a vote of confidence in the president.

The president's letter to Mr. Pou, the signal that the administration was

the signal that the administration was ready to give Germany a demonstra-tion of unity, follows:

President Wilson's Letter. "My Dear Mr. Fou: Inasmuch as I learn that Mr. Henry, the chairman of the committee on rules, is absent in Texas, I take the liberty of calling your attention, as ranking member of the committee, to a matter of grave concern to the country, which can, I State Department that foodstuffs sent believe, be handled under the rules of the Poland will not be seized while the house, only by that committee.

Cannot Fail to Do Harm. "The report that there are divided (Continued on Page Three)

SONS OF ITALY ARE

TO MEET BIENNIALLY. Vote to Establish National Home for

Widows nad Destitute Children. 57,842,- Order of Sons of Italy of America at its closing session today adopted the new constitution drawn up at the states Philadelphia convention. This proof annual ones, and the first one will be set for September, 1917, at a place to be selected later. The plan for establishing a national

home for widows nad destitute chil-dren of deceased members was adopt-ed. The original proposition of Grand Venerable Buffa for a home in each state in which the order has lodges was not acceptable, however, and the plan which was satisfactory is for one national home, to be located probably on Staten Island, N. Y. It was announced that the order will incorporate its supreme body as

TWO ASPHYXIATED BY GAS AT WORCESTER. Richard Park and His Sisters, Mrs.

Eliza Flynn. Worcester, Mass., Feb. 29.—Richard Park, 50 years old, of 139 Summer street, and his sister, Mrs. Eliza Tynn of Harvard, 45, were accidental. asphyxiated by illuminating gas last night in a room occupied by Park, paroled from California's peniten-tlaries have returned to a life of day to visit her brother and, because of the cold, she decided to remain with him over night. It is believed that during the night she attempted to turn Half frozen and nearly dead, Charles
Thomas was rescued from the branches of a tree in the flooded section of Oskaloosa, Iowa, where he had clung spells, and left the burner open. Her body, fully dressed, was found today to the floor under the gas jet. lying on the floor under the gas let, and Park, fully dressed, except for his

FOR MURDER OF MOTHER.

J. Grant Lyman was held in \$100,000 bail at Tampa, Fla., for arraignment today on the Federal indictment re-Promise to Stop Drinking.

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 29.—Jason S. Haines, Jr., aged 16, and William Haines, 14, were witnesses at their fa-ther's trial for the murder of their mother, in superior court here today. The elder son testified that the father last August promised to stop drinking, if the mother would, and said that the mother did not keep her part of

the agreement. Though neither boy saw the shoot-ing of the woman, both testified to hearing shots fired, and the elder son told of running to the house and find-ing his father near his mother's body. He testified that he had heard his father threaten his mother's life on sev-

EXPLANATION OF CHARGES

AGAINST L. D. BRANDEIS Begun by Edward F. McClennen, a Law Partner.

Washington, Feb. 28.—An explana-tion of the various charges against Louis D. Brandeis now being investigated by a senate committee consider-ing his nomination for the supreme court was begun today by Edward F The condition of Rev. Edward R. Brandels' law firm. He spoke from his Downes, pastor of St. Mary R. C. own knowledge of the incidents at ischurch of Mt. Carmel, who was church of Mt. Carmel, who was sue, from papers connected with the matters and from the office diary of the firm. He will continue his treet.